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1. Air forces based on the following airfields took part in maneuvers begin-  
ning 3 Nov 53 and ending fifteen days later:

Pskhou (north of Sochoum)  
Romanouskaya (northeast of Dahkousku)  
Khouberidjale (southwest of Mt. El'Brus)  
Vani (northeast of Kutais)  
Kodory (east of Poti)  
Khani (north of Akhaltsikhe)

2. The problem for these maneuvers was defense of the airfields [para one]  
against attack. Participating were AA batteries and automatic guns from  
artillery units stationed near the airfields. In some regions, mounted  
troops and light tanks participated.
3. Special headquarters were set up for the maneuvers.
4. During the maneuvers, many munitions dumps were noted. These were carefully  
camouflaged and still remain so. Apparently they were not used at all during  
the maneuvers and are there for other purposes. These dumps are placed along  
the railroad line and are usually near the larger central stations, near the  
airfields mentioned in paragraph one.
5. In early Nov 1953, maneuvers began in the coastal sector between Beregovaia and  
Voulansk. The problem set for these maneuvers was defense against an attack  
from the sea. Coast guards, both ashore and afloat, were mobilized during the  
maneuvers, which lasted for several weeks and apparently well into Dec 1953.  
The air force cooperated. General staff observers expressed satisfaction.

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